



NEWSLETTER | 25/05/24

Children's Parade

On Saturday 4th May Windlesham School's Dream Factory proudly paraded through the colourful streets of Brighton, as part of the opening ceremony of The Brighton Festival.

So many parents and children turned up on the morning to be part of the parade and this generated a lovely community atmosphere. Seeing so many creative constructions was amazing, and the Windlesham Dream Factory looked exceptional in the sun.

We want to thank Dr & Mr Harris from Pier Pressure for their help with transportation and to all parents and staff for volunteering at the pop-up sessions.

And a very special thank you to Mrs Mack, Mrs Farnell and Mrs Pollard for their dedication to the project over the past few months. It was a fantastic day and great fun for everyone involved.



We all know that nothing influences people more than a recommendation from a friend. We would be really grateful if you could 'like' and 'share' our posts on Facebook & Instagram. To find us, just search for Windlesham School or click on the icons here.

Google reviews also raise our profile tremendously and help us to continue to be the best school we can be. So please do get involved in liking, sharing and reviewing!

Headmaster's message

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another wonderful half term at Windlesham, we were blessed by having had the sun shining brightly at times upon us. Let's hope that the glorious weather earlier this week returns just in time for half term break.

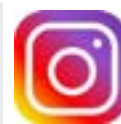
As you will read in this newsletter, this term has been an exciting one full of positivity, purpose, and fun. It has been another busy 6 weeks during which most year groups have been on a school trip or experienced an in-school workshop. So much has gone on including the fabulous Wow Days to introduce exciting learning topics, a Year 6 Victorian themed day, visiting workshops from Bede's Senior School. Year 2 hosted a transport workshop, we had eggs incubating and fast-growing chicks in Reception and the Year 4 and Year 6 went on residential to Lodge Hill and the Isle of Wight.

Moving forward into the last half of the summer term, we all look forward to continuing to lay the foundations for an exceptional start to the new academic year.

The last half of the term will fly by as always. I look forward to meeting with you all at various whole school events such as Sports Day, the Summer Fair and End of Year Presentations throughout the second half of the summer term. In the meantime, I wish you and your families a restful and enjoyable half-term break.

David Leggett

Preparing children for life



Windlesham School
& Nursery

GENERAL NEWS

Prefects for this part of the term

2DJ	Lewis & Ariana
3S	Amos & Michael
3G	Justin & Essi
4S	Rumi & Mark
4JP	Kyra & Lucas
5OD	Elodie, Aran & Nathaniel
5FL	Felix & Zane

Merits

The following children are to be congratulated for their tremendous effort or positive attitude (as at Thursday 23rd May):

Lower School

Alfie, Nico B, Kitty, Schroeder, Genevieve, Reuben, Freya, Edward, Aina, Archie, Zayn, Felix, Jude, Levi

Upper School

Annie, Amos, Taigh, Rosie, Thomas, Sophia, Joe, Dorothy, Rosie, Delilah, Isabella, Lottie, Mia, Harry, Simona, Seb, Eleanor, Jack J, Rebecca, Felix B, William, Georgina, Aran, Reuben B, Eve, Dylan, Matilda, Ariana CR, Raf, Matthew, Harriet

Summer Term Owls

Tahlia, Rory, Lotta, Kit, Suri, Aylin, Sebastian, Schroeder, Sorrel, Alfie, Winston, Afsaneh, Toby H, Ethan, Jack B, Lewis, Toby W, Levi, Justin, Rosie, Essi, Thomas, Amos, Michael, Anastasia, Eli, William, Zachary, Mia, Akira, Mark, MJ, Joe, Michael, Guin, Eve, Indy, Timothy, Letty, Alia, Lucia, Cyrus

Places for 2 Year Olds

We are delighted to be able to offer places in our Nursery to children from the age of 2.

For further information, please email admissions@windlesham.school.co.uk



Indy sea swims with the Surf Lifesaving Club in Brighton every week. They are fundraising for new equipment and Indy came up with the idea of an after-school cake sale.

The cake sale was such a great success, raising a grand total of £102.57!

Thank you to all the Windlesham parents for their generosity, Indy was very happy (and very full of cake!)



Congratulations to Mrs Farnell for taking part in the Isle of Wight Ultra Hike and raising £2153.36 for The Martlets. Thank you for your generous donations to a very worthwhile cause.

What an incredible achievement!



SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Jobs that People Do Day and Ice-Creams in Owlets

The Owlets had a busy morning full of exciting games and activities for our "jobs" day. The children dressed up in a variety of costumes and told their friends about their outfits and accessories. They made collage pictures of different occupations and had a treasure hunt to find pictures around the playground. The Owlets finished the morning by having dressing up races with hats and costumes.

The Owlets have been role playing ice cream shops and thinking about their favourite flavours of ice cream. They made a tally chart with Mrs Joyce by collaging their own ice creams and found that chocolate is the most popular. The children also played maths games matching up numbers to the correct dots on the cones and scoops of ice cream.

Reporter: Mrs Older

Down on the Farm with Reception

This term's learning 'Down on the Farm' began when we discovered an egg in a nest. The children were so excited to find out whom the egg might belong to. We quickly realised that we did not know much about animals that lay eggs so we decided to become eggs-perts!

We began our Learning Journey by researching information in nonfiction books and we discovered that Oviparous animals lay eggs. We worked in small groups to produce posters, sorted animals by criteria and wrote individual stories about our own eggs and creatures that would hatch from them. We used eggs to count with, doubling, subitising, and even problem solving.

We organised Middle Farm to bring an incubation package and embarked on hatching our own hen eggs. We decided to write egg diaries as we waited then watched our chicks grow. The children were brilliant at looking after the chicks, feeding them, cleaning them, exercising them, and even holding them.

Reporter: Mrs Mills



SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Year One London Wow Day

To launch our new topic, all about London, Year 1 jumped on a virtual tour bus to explore the landmarks of London. The children arrived at each learning station to explore, create and discover interesting facts about London. The children looked at the shape and structure of the landmarks and constructed the skyline out of Lego.

The children also got creative with designing the King's head on a postage stamp, created a crown fit for the king and made a homemade, string bunting of flags to decorate our classrooms. We had a great WOW day!

Reporter: Miss Jarman



Year 2 Peg Racers Workshop

The children created and tested a mini model racing car using simple craft materials, choosing tools and equipment to create something which will race downhill using the power of gravity.

They learnt about; tyres, body, axles, and the engine - while discovering the concepts of friction and aerodynamics.

Reporter: Miss DJ



SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Fascinating Fossils in Year 3

Year 3 had an unexpected opportunity to visit the Booth Museum for a workshop linked to our topic for science on rocks and fossils.

The children thoroughly enjoyed finding out who Mary Anning was, what she was famous for and how life was different for women in the 1800s. During the workshop we also sorted different fossils and did some scientific specimen drawings which will all support our topic next half term.

Reporter: Mrs Gomez



Year 4 enjoyed their WOW Day celebrating Africa. They took part in African drumming, dancing, mask making and map work. They looked great in their outfits! What a fun way to start their new topic!



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SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Year 5 Circle Time

In Year 5 we have been focusing on 'Circle Time'. We have been finding time to do this a few times a week.

It has given us the opportunity to listen and communicate with others. Questions range from Story Telling to Conflict.

We are all given the chance to answer the given question or pass. It has been so wonderful to see the children's response to this special time.

Confidence has grown and brilliant conversations have been generated.

Reporter: Mrs Lilley



Year 6 Victorian Day

Year 6 thoroughly enjoyed their 'Day in a life as a Victorian Child'! Their day started by writing lines, practicing decorum and smartening uniform! This was quickly followed by Drills led on the playground by Mrs Croucher. This included marching on the spot, arm swinging and trunk bending!

Mrs O'Dowd ran a Maths lesson where the children learnt Victorian multiplication techniques. In Humanities, time was spent reciting Kings and Queens, Historical dates and The Lords Prayer. English included poetry reading and reciting. In Science, chalk drawings of the respiratory system were learnt and in Art, Victorian silhouettes!

All teachers were (convincingly!) in character all day, so were the children! The Punishment Book and Dunce hat were used several times! Unfortunately, the cane was used too.

Reporter: Mrs Lilley





SCHOOL ACTIVITIES



Gardening Club

We have started our first gardening club on the 1st May today which is perfect timing to kick off 'no mow may' here at Windlesham. The children discussed the benefits of having more flowers available on our grounds for pollinators and then made their own 'No Mow May' posters which we have displayed on our lawn area.

We're looking forward to seeing the grass and wildflowers grow and what nature it attracts over the month.

Reporter: Mrs Gomez

Library Update

Thank you to all the families who made purchases at last term's Scholastic Books book fair. We're delighted to announce that through your purchases, we were able to redeem over £600 worth of books for our school library from Scholastic Books.

Titles for all age groups and interests were unpacked by our school librarian, Cyrus and Year 5 pupil, Eve and placed on the shelves of our library ready for eager readers to enjoy.

Please encourage your child to regularly borrow from our school library and support them in returning any books once they have been read so that we can keep our recently-boostered library stock safe. Happy reading!

Reporter: Mrs Croucher





SCHOOL ACTIVITIES



Beach School

All year groups have enjoyed their Beach School visits this half-term in the sunshine! Lots of fun learning has taken place which links to their year group curriculum subjects.

Year 5 and 6 enjoyed exploring and classifying sea creatures during their rock pooling session.

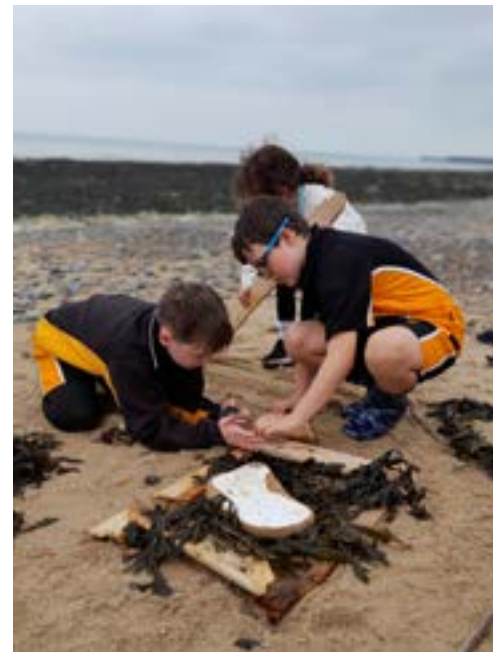
Year 4 carried out different activities linked to their geography topic of Africa.

Year 2 and 3, using a guide, created a series of 2D shapes on the beach using found materials such as driftwood and seaweed. Some managed to create 3D shapes with the materials they found.

Year 1 used their creative ideas to design a fire engine linking to their Y1 Art Curriculum and The Fire of London. As a group they also designed and curated a museum of curiosities collecting interesting items from the beach. Children sorted and classified the objects and explained why they had classified the objects in that way.

All year groups always 'Take Three for the Sea' during their beach visits to help keep our beaches litter free. We look forward to seeing lots of Windlesham Families at our big beach clean on Saturday 8th June. More details to follow soon!

Reporters: Mrs Jeffery and Mrs Gomez





SCHOOL TRIPS

Year 4 Residential to Lodge Hill

Year 4 had an exciting time participating in their first residential trip at Lodge Hill. The children experienced a range of activities, from climbing to tunnelling, as well as the challenge of "sleeping" away from home! We were very proud of all of them for their courage and resilience when persevering with physical tasks.

My favourite part of the residential was all of it! I loved everything it was very sporty, energetic and fun. (Simona)

My favourite thing was Man Hunt because it was fun and I enjoyed hiding. (Lucas)

I loved tunnelling because it was big, medium and small tunnels...we played hide and seek too! (William)

Reporter: Mrs Petronella





SCHOOL TRIPS

Year 2 & 3 trip to Brooklands Museum

As part of Year 2's topic on Transport, the children visited Brooklands Transport Museum.

They learnt all about different aeroplane and fighter jet engines, did a tour of different planes (even going inside an amazing plane that was owned by the Sultan of Oman!), the children learnt about racing cars and even created their own miniature car during a special workshop!

Year 3 had a brilliant time on their trip to Brooklands Museum today. We were really impressed with the size of the temperature chamber used to test planes and vehicles. We saw the oldest car which was 120 years old! The children enjoyed learning about the different features of a plane while making our own glider planes and using our arms for thrust!

Year 3 had a fun filled explorers WOW Day today!! We kicked off the morning by making cereal bars. We talked about the nutritional value of each ingredient and how it would be beneficial for an explorer in an extreme environment. The children thoroughly enjoyed reviewing and tasting their bars. After break we had carousel challenges to complete. We played parachute games, learnt to tie different knots and thought about what we might need to pack in our rucksack if we were to go on our own explorer adventure.

Reporters: Miss DJ & Mrs Gomez





SCHOOL TRIPS

Year 6 Residential to The Isle of Wight

Here are just some of the comments from our Y6 children about our Residential:

'Skills heightened, senses heightened, friends heightened' Hugo.

'I stepped out of my comfort zone and the trapeze was my favourite challenge!' Marvel.

'I loved the giant swing and getting muddy!' Maisie E.

'Spending time with my friends and seeing a different side to all of us!' Amelia.

'Getting to the top of the climbing wall!' Becky

It was an unforgettable experience!' Isaac.

'I felt like I really got to know my friends a lot more. Great to get muddy with them!' Alia.

'It was especially fun it was my birthday that week!' Lucia.

'Life changing, absolutely life changing' Lex.

What a pleasure it was to join our Y6 children on their residential in the IOW last week. These are just some of the comments from our Y6 children. You can read all of them when they are published in this year's Leavers Book 2024.

Miss Thompsett

It was a fantastic week watching all our Year 6s learn new skills, conquer their fears and have great fun in the outdoors!

Mr Wilkinson

It was an absolute pleasure to spend time with Year 6 on their residential. Highlights for me included:

Moments where children faced and conquered their fears,
The supportive and encouraging interactions within each group
Impressive teamwork with Jacob's ladder, the Matrix and problem-solving.

But number one has to be the delightfully wet and muddy sensory trail!
I hope that many happy memories were made by the children, as I certainly came away with plenty!

Mrs Mack



SPORTS NEWS

Cricket at Lancing Prep Hove

We enjoyed a fantastic cricket fixture in the sunshine at Lancing Hove this week. All the year 3 and year 4 pupils participated in what was our biggest fixture this term. We had two year 3 matches and two year 4 matches, where some brilliant bowling and batting was on show.

The year 3 girls and year 4 boys played great contests where they narrowly lost out by a few runs, whilst the year 3 boys had a gripping draw thanks to two unbelievable sixes from Eli! Finally, our year 4 girls demonstrated consistent batting and won their match.

Well done to all the pupils involved. They showed great sportsmanship throughout and did Windlesham proud!

Reporter: Mr Wilkinson



Under 11 Cricket @ Lancing Worthing

Our captain Matthew won the coin toss and we decided to bat first. We batted well and were regularly hitting 4's out of the boundary. At the end of the overs we achieved 295 runs. Each pair had 3 overs which worked well, each batter had longer to play and there were many fantastic shots from the Windlesham team. Dylan, Jack & Marley all batted particularly well.

Next into bat was Lancing Worthing, we bowled fantastically well and did not give them many opportunities to get runs. Abe's bowling was very accurate and powerful, Harriet also showed her excellent bowling skills. Lancing Worthing achieved 270 runs so we won the match by 25 runs.

Really well done to the team today, they played some good cricket and it was a great start to the season.

Reporter: Mr Mountford



Cyrus won the Under 11 Grade 4 tennis tournament in Brighton. Congratulations Cyrus!!

Swim Gala against Brighton Girls

We had a fantastic girl's swim gala against Brighton Girls School this term where we saw excellent swimming and highly-competitive races throughout.

Our Year 5 & 6 squad consisted of Alia, Becky, Hermione and Phoebe in Year 6. As well as Georgie, Lettie and Selin in Year 5. The small size of our squad meant that all the girls had to do numerous individual and team races throughout, so was not only a test of their speed, but their stamina as well! All the pupils did Windlesham proud as they swam with fantastic energy and determination in every race.

Well done to everyone involved as we saw brilliant technique of all four strokes and great team support too.

Reporter: Mr Wilkinson



Sophia won a Grade 4 Tennis tournament in Henfield recently, securing the Under 9 number one spot in Sussex. Well done Sophia!

Friends of Windlesham News

The Friends of Windlesham need to hear from you! We are working hard to make FOW work as a bridge from our parents to the school, and to create a strong Windlesham community. To do this well we need your feedback! Please take 3 minutes to fill out our survey:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1QRUmYQlns28debY9eScYvJXDCauSnAXSHysjUfD1Dq4/viewform?ts=65fdaff3&edit_requested=true#responses

The FOW team has grown! We are delighted to welcome Ashleigh (Y3), George (Owlets) and Emily (Reception). If anyone would like to join the FOW team, or is able to help at specific events, please speak to one of us, or drop us an email fow@windleshamschool.co.uk.

We are looking forward to some fun events next half term: The Great Windlesham Beach Clean (8th June), a Coffee Morning (11th June), and of course the Summer Fayre (22nd June).

For the Summer Fayre we need you! Can you help with the following:

- Donations for the charity auction - do you run your own business, or work for one that would be kind enough to donate? Please email or speak to one of us.
- Bottle tombola - please donate a bottle in exchange for a non-school uniform day on Friday 21st June.
- New toy tombola - please can you donate any new or in as new condition toys

Donations for the bottle tombola, new toy tombola and the crockery smash will be collected on the school gates from Monday 17th June

- Crockery Smash is back by popular demand! If you (or your business) have any old crockery you no longer want, please donate it to us!
- We need volunteers to help set up on the day, and to run some of the stalls at the fayre. Messages will be going out from your class reps, so you can let them know, or speak to one of the FOW team.

Have a great break and we look forward to seeing you next term!

The FOW Team

Natasha, Wilson, Clare, Jaymi, Ashleigh, George and Emily



The Great Windlesham Beach Clean
Saturday 5th June 2024 from 2-4pm
Meet at The King Alfred at 1.45pm
End at Kings Road Playground
Please click the link below if you are interested in coming along:

<https://forms.office.com/e/E8GM1KrAgI>

TERM DATES

2023- 2024 Term Dates

Summer Term 2024

Half Term holiday

Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May inclusive

Term ends

Friday 12th July

2024 - 2025 Term Dates

Autumn Term 2024

Staff Inset days

Monday 2nd September & Tuesday 3rd September

Term starts

Wednesday 4th September

Half Term holiday

Monday 21st October - Friday 1st November inclusive

Term ends

Friday 13th December 2024

Spring Term 2025

Staff Inset Day

Monday 6th January

Term starts

Tuesday 7th January 2025

Half Term holiday

Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February inclusive

Term ends

Friday 28th March

Summer Term 2025

Staff Inset day

Tuesday 22nd April

Term starts

Wednesday 23rd April

Bank Holiday

Monday 5th May

Half Term holiday

Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May inclusive

Term ends

Thursday 10th July

Staff Inset Day

Friday 11th July

Polite Reminder

Please can we ask that no mobile phones are used on the school premises.

